

## Limiting county regulation of overweight vehicles

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HB 1007 by Russell/Armbrister

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- DIGEST:** HB 1007 would have limited the authority of counties to impose requirements for overweight vehicles using county roads. The bill also would have established state administrative penalties and civil assessments of up to \$10,000 for flagrant or habitual violators of overweight vehicle regulations.
- GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:** "This bill provides penalties for overweight violators but permits counties no financial recovery from owners and operators who damage their roads. The intent of the legislation is to devise a way for overweight vehicles to use public roadways in county jurisdiction. The goal is laudable, but the interests of county citizens are not protected by adequate assurance that their roadways will remain in useable condition."
- RESPONSE:** Rep. Sam Russell, author of HB 1007, said, "The bill would have clarified that although counties may have authority to regulate and adopt weight limits on county roads, they must do so in accordance with the statutes on overweight vehicles. The governor is a former county commissioner who has dealt with this problem, and she is naturally concerned about the condition of county roads, but she did not clearly understand the need for clarifying what authority a county has to issue permits and collect fees for overweight vehicles traversing county roads."
- NOTES:** HB 1007 passed the House on the Local Calendar and was not analyzed in a *Daily Floor Report*.